

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
ALEXEY ET AL.
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FOR: METHOD FOR THE OLIGOMERISATION OF PEPTIDES

PRE AMENDMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the existing Sequence Listing with the Substitute Sequence Listing provided herewith as pages 19-25.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly renumber the claims pages beginning with page 26.

At the top of the first page of claims kindly delete "Claims" and insert therefor -What is Claimed is--.

Kindly amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An oligomer comprising at least 2 [or more than 2] units wherein each unit comprises a peptidic domain capable of oligomerizing and a domain capable of binding to an acceptor, wherein the oligomerizing domain is not an antibody or a functional antibody fragment from [the] a constant region.
6. (Amended) An oligomer according to claim 1, wherein the peptidic domain capable of oligomerizing and the domain capable of binding to an acceptor are connected via a spacer[(hinge region)].

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